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8 MAR 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. John H. Waller
Inspector General

VIA: Deputy Director for Operations

FROM: Eloise R. Page
Chief, Policy and Coordination Staff

SUBJECT: Material Provided by the House Select
Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control

REFERENCE: Your Memorandum to the DDO Dated
14 December 1977

1. This memorandum attaches a draft of a letter which it is suggested you may wish to send to Representative Wolff.

2. The Narcotics Control Group of the Policy and Coordination Staff has reviewed the referenced material. No information was extracted from the House Select Committee files since we do not believe that the material therein would significantly assist us in the collection of intelligence on the foreign aspects of narcotics production and trafficking. Therefore, my memorandum to you dated 21 February 1978 on this same subject may be disregarded.

3. Any questions with regard to this matter may be referred to PCS/NAR.

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Eloise R. Page

Attachments:

1. Suggested Letter to Representative Wolff
2. Eight File Folders (Containing Subject Material)

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Honorable Lester L. Wolff, Chairman
Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse
and Control
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The material provided to the Central Intelligence Agency by the House Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control concerning the [redacted]

[redacted] has been reviewed by the appropriate elements of the Agency.

CIA has no information to support allegations that Fidel Castro and the Cuban Government may be involved either directly or in a supporting capacity in the international trafficking of narcotics.

The House Select Committee files contain several references listing the CIA among those Federal agencies involved in active investigation of the [redacted] matter. We should like to correct the record in this regard. This Agency is not, in fact, involved in any domestic investigation of this case which is essentially a law enforcement matter.

The House Select Committee Staff states that certain members of the Cuban exile community allegedly involved in the [redacted] case may have had or still have an operational relationship with this Agency. Some of the persons associated with the [redacted] did in fact have a previous relationship with CIA. For example, [redacted]

[redacted] He was captured at the Bay of Pigs, but was included among the ransomed prisoners returned in December 1962. Our records do

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25X1 not indicate any contact between this Agency and [] since that time. Furthermore, we have examined our records concerning all of the other principals under investigation and there is no current CIA operational relationship with any of these individuals. CIA has provided the Drug Enforcement Administration and the South Florida Terrorist and Narcotics Intelligence Task Force with information from our files concerning the past activities of individuals allegedly associated with the [] or involved in other related investigations by these agencies.

The November 15, 1977 Memorandum from House Select Committee Staff investigators to Chairman Wolff (EYES ONLY) contains a statement (page 5) that the role of the CIA (in the [] investigation) is "not understood at this time." This same paragraph also states "that sources at DEA Headquarters in Washington told us that the CIA has contacted them and has expressed great concern for certain of the current law enforcement investigations in Miami." The paragraph concludes with the statement that the House Select Committee investigators will be providing the Chairman with their feelings and evaluations of this matter (CIA's role) in a separate memorandum.

Again we should like to emphasize that CIA is concerned with only the foreign aspects of narcotics trafficking and production. While the Agency is allowed to collect, store and disseminate information concerning U.S. persons involved in such illicit activities, it does not participate in law enforcement investigations. CIA has supplied foreign narcotics intelligence information to law enforcement agencies, but does not take an "active" investigative role.

With regard to the DEA statement that CIA had showed "concern" about current criminal investigations in Miami, our records indicate no such expression of concern, except for the normal concern for the continued protection of sensitive sources and methods. We should appreciate any clarification of this statement which you or your Staff can provide us.

Respectfully,

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Operations

FROM : John H. Waller
Inspector General

SUBJECT : Material Provided by House Select Committee on
Narcotics Abuse and Control

1. Forwarded herewith are eight folders provided this office on 12 December 1977 by Mr. William G. Lawrence, Chief of Staff of the above Committee, and Mr. Joseph L. Nellis, Chief Counsel on the staff of that Committee. The material is assembled from a wide variety of sources in an investigation conducted by Mr. Lawrence and Mr. David Pickens, also of the Select Committee staff.

2. The material in these folders is on loan from the Committee, as shown by the statement attached to the front of each of them. No copies are to be made of this material, without permission of the Committee staff. It has been made available to the Agency for review by the appropriate elements in CIA, for that information which is within the proper jurisdiction of the Agency.

3. Although the files, and the documents that they contain, do not carry national security classifications, some are marked Sensitive and we are advised that some of the material was supplied by confidential informants. We are requested to protect the identity of these informants so that they will not be revealed to anyone who would jeopardize their position or safety.

4. The Select Committee encountered the problems recorded in the attached folders in Miami, in which business interests and Cuban nationals seemed to have been involved, with significant overtones of narcotics smuggling. Based on information derived in other locales as well, the Select Committee investigators believe that there are possible connections with the criminal underworld, and the present Cuban government. They state that individuals are involved who also have asserted that they had past CIA connections, with the possibility that some of those connections may be active today. ✓

5. A commercial undertaking known as [] seems to have some central role. The Committee staffers believe it has Castro connections, "Castro" even approving some of its loans. Citing as

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an example was a \$150 million loan to Colombia, to ingratiate Cuba with the Colombian government. One name that was identified was Salvador Alderigua, believed to have KGB and Cuban connections.

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7. Messrs. Lawrence and Nellis called on me as a result of a request to the Director by Mr. Lester L. Wolff, Chairman of the Select Committee. Copies of the documents that were given to me on loan today will also be provided to the Attorney General. We were advised that the nine-page memorandum under a 1 August 1977 cover, at the top of the file labeled "Documents," reflects the views of the investigators on the matter.

8. It is requested that you have the attached files reviewed to ascertain those matters that are appropriate for CIA to address in its jurisdictional responsibilities, for example foreign persons implicated. The names of U.S. persons, of course, should not be extracted and retained unless they are the subject of a proper interest by this Agency.

9. It is requested that you have this matter reviewed on as expeditious a basis as possible, and that your approval of CIA interest and appropriate action be made. Because the Attorney General has not received the material as yet, we should take no action until we are in a position to deal with those government agencies that may become involved as a result of action by the Attorney General. As the attached folders present a rather large research task, it would

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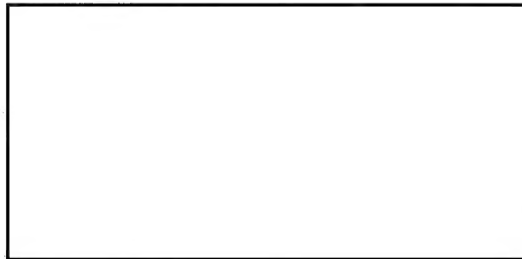
be appreciated if you could keep me advised on a periodic basis
on the progress of the review and the evaluation of the material.



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John H. Walter

Attachments:
Eight File Folders:
Documents



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